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SUBJ: GVN JANUARY 24 DECLARATION ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF  
PARIS AGREEMENT

1. GVN DECLARATION MARKING SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AT 0930 SAIGON TIME JANUARY 24 (0130  
JANUARY 24 GMT) AT REGULAR MORNING PRESS BRIEFING. ACTION ADDRESSEES  
ARE REQUESTED TO PASS TEXT OF DECLARATION TO LOCAL GVN  
REPRESENTATIVES.

BEGIN TEXT:

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1. DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ON  
24 JANUARY 1975 MARKING TWO YEARS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET-NAM.

2. ON 27 JANUARY 1973, THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING  
PEACE IN VIET-NAM WAS SIGNED IN PARIS. TWO YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE  
THEN AND PEACE IS NOT YET RESTORED IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. WORSE STILL,

THE WAR IS RAGING AT A LEVEL EVEN HIGHER THAN BEFORE THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED\* THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT ENJOYED A SINGLE DAY OF PEACE BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNIST INCESSANT ARMED ATTACKS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION THROUGH THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 9(B) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT DUE TO THE COMMUNIST CONSTANT REFUSAL TO HOLD MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. DEATHS AND DESTRUCTIONS ARE STILL ACCUMULATING AND THE PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT MORE REMOTE AS EVER OWING TO THE INTRANSIGENT AND BELLICOSE ATTITUDE OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

3. THE ONLY CAUSE FOR THIS DEPLORABLE SITUATION IS THE UTTER CONTEMPT SHOWN BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE FOR EVERY PROVISION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973. RECENTLY IT HAS GONE AS FAR AS TO LAUNCH MASSIVE AND COORDINATED OFFENSIVES AND TO CALL OPENLY FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WHICH IS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

4. IN THE FACE OF THESE GRAVE AND REPEATED PROVOCATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS USED THE UTMOST SELF RESTRAINT AND DISPLAYED THE MAXIMUM GOOD WILL FOR PEACE. THUS, ON NOVEMBER 7, 1974, IT HAS APPEALED TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS AT ONCE AND UNCONDITIONALLY. IN FACT, SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, THE UNALTERABLE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS BEEN TO STRICTLY RESPECT AND TO SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THAT AGREEMENT.

5. THE RECORD CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS STRIVED TO IMPLEMENT ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. INDEED IT HAS:

6. - STRICTLY OBSERVED AND MAINTAINED THE CEASE-FIRE;  
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7 - DESIGNATED WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME LIMIT ITS  
SIX POINTS OF ENTRY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ARMAMENTS, MUNITIONS  
AND WAR MATERIAL;

8. - COMPLETED THE RETURN TO THE COMMUNISTS OF ALL  
COMMUNIST MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED BEFORE  
28 JANUARY 1973;

9. - GIVEN FULL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION TO THE  
BODIES SET UP BY THE AGREEMENT WHICH ARE THE JOINT MILITARY  
COMMISSION AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND  
SUPERVISION;

10. - PUT FORTH MANY CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE

PROPOSALS FOR SETTling THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF SOUTH VIET-NAM,  
SUCH AS THE HOLDING OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, AT THE LA CELLE-  
ST. CLOUD MEETINGS AND THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE CEASE-  
FIRE, AT THE SAIGON MEETINGS.

11. ALL THESE EFFORTS AIMED AT A CORRECT AND SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN THWARTED BY THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE  
OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE, WHICH HAS NOT OBSERVED A SINGLE PROVISION OF  
THE AGREEMENT DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS. THEY HAVE:

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12. - HAMPERED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION BY VARIOUS ACTS OF OBSTRUCTION  
AND SABOTAGE, BY REFUSING TO PAY THEIR PRESCRIBED SHARES TO THE  
COMMISSION'S OPERATING BUDGET.

13. - REFUSED TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AT LA  
CELLE-ST. CLOUD AND AT TAN SON NHAT SAIGON, ALL OF WHICH THEY  
FINALLY BROKE OFF SINCE MAY AND JUNE 1974.

14. - MULTIPLIED ACTS OF TERROR AGAINST THE CIVILIAN  
POPULATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, INCLUDING THE SHELLINGS OF SCHOOLS  
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AND HOSPITALS.

15. -REFUSED TO RETURN TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND  
STILL KEEP IN DETENTION 26,645 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND 70,286  
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED BY THEM BEFORE 28 JANUARY 1973.

16. -MOST GRAVELY, THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS COMPLETELY IGNORED  
THE CEASEFIRE STIPULATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE INK ON THE  
PARIS AGREEMENT WAS HARDLY DRY WHEN COMMUNIST NORTH VIET-NAM AND  
ITS SOUTHERN ARM, THE SELF STYLED "PRG" LAID BARE THEIR SCHEME  
OF CONTINUING THEIR POLICY OF ARMED AGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC  
OF VIET-NAM BY ATTACKING AND SEIZING THE CUA-VIET BASE AT 8. A.M.  
ON JANUARY 29,1973.

17. FROM THEN ON, IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE  
DAY ON WHICH THE COMMUNISTS DID NOT VIOLATE THE CEASE-FIRE BY  
LAUNCHING ATTACKS AGAINST THE POSITIONS, BASES, DISTRICT TOWNS OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

18. IN OPEN DISREGARD OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE HANOI ADMINISTRA-  
TION HAS BUILT UP ITS WAR POTENTIAL IN SOUTH VIETANAM BY ILLEGALLY  
INFILTRATING INTO SOUTH VIET-NAM, THROUGH LAOS, CAMBODIA AND  
THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, 270,000 MORE MEN , A VAST AMOUNT OF ARMA-  
MENTS INCLUDING ABOUT ONE THOUSAND ARMORED VEHICLES OF ALL TYPES,  
OVER 600 FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES AND SOPHISTICATED ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
WEAPONS, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF AMMUNITIONS;  
BY REPAIRING AND IMPROVING 15 AIRFIELDS IN THE AREAS TEMPORARILY  
OCCUPIED BY COMMUNIST TROOPS SOUTH OF THE 17TH PARALLEL; BY  
COMPLETING A NETWORK OF HIGHWAYS WHICH SERVE AS CORRIDOR FOR  
INFILTRATION THROUGH THE BORDER OF LAOS, CAMBODIA AND THE  
DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

19. ON 12 APRIL 1974, THE ATTACK AND SEIZURE OF TONG LE CHAN BASE  
BY THE COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS MARKED A NEW STAGE:  
COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE HAVE TURNED INTO LARGE-SCALE  
OFFENSIVE USING THOUSANDS OF TROOPS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY  
AND TANKS. THE MASSIVE ATTACKS ON AND VIOLENT CAPTURE OF ALL  
DISTRICT CAPITALS AND THE PROVINCE CAPITAL OF PHUOC-ONG WHICH  
TOOK PLACE A FEW WEEKS AGO ARE THE LATEST INSTANCES. IT IS  
CLEAR THAT THE COMMUNISTS NOW HAVE EMBARKED UPON A GENERALIZED  
OFFENSIVE THE ULTIMATE AIM OF WHICH IS THE MILITARY CONQUEST OF  
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SOUTH VIET-NAM, THUS MAKING A SHAM OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

20. ALONG WITH THE MILITARY ESCALATION, THE COMMUNIST SIDE ALSO STEPPED UP THEIR POLITICAL DEMANDS WHICH ARE COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE MOST INSOLENT DEMAND MADE BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE CALLS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WHICH IS A SIGNATORY OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND WITH WHICH THE COMMUNIST SIDE MUST ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AS HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED BY THAT ACCORD. THIS ALONE IS AN IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF THE COMMUNISTS' TOTAL LACK OF GOOD FAITH IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

21. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM SOLEMNLY DENOUNCES TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND EARNESTLY APPEALS TO PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES THE WORLD OVER TO CONDEMN THE ATTEMPTS OF THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION TO DESTROY THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY REVERTING TO A LARGE-SCALE WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

2. IN THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, ONLY THE STRICT RESPECT AND THE SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT CAN CREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCTIVE TO A GENUINE PEACE IN AND TO A SATISFACTORY POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR VIET-NAM. THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARD THIS AGREEMENT AND STRONGLY DEMANDS THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO CEASE AT ONCE ALL ACTS OF WAR AND TO IMMEDIATELY RESUME WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITION THE NEGOTIATIONS AT LA CELLE-ST. CLOUD AND AT TAN SON NHAT (SAIGON).--SAIGON  
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